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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part IV)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 138 appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/48/807 and Add.1 and 2.

2. At its 54th and 60th meetings, on 23 and 31 March 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peace-keeping operations: financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations". Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.54 and 60).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/48/L.56

3. At the 60th meeting, on 31 March, the representative of Cuba, on behalf of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Support account for peace-keeping operations" (A/C.5/48/L.56).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.56 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Support account for peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and 48/226 of 23 December 1993,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peace-keeping operations,

Recalling paragraph 2 of its resolution 48/226 of 23 December 1993, in which it authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments to cover costs borne by the support account in an amount not to exceed 16,376,250 United States dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1994,

Emphasizing the absolute necessity, for the orderly implementation of the budgetary process, that documents be provided well ahead of their consideration by the General Assembly,

1. Endorses the recommendations contained in paragraph 32, section V, of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Authorizes, on an interim and exceptional basis, the twenty-six posts for the Department of Administration and Management referred to in paragraph 1 of the report of the Secretary-General 3/ until 30 June 1994, without prejudice to the conclusions and policy decisions it may take in conjunction with paragraph 3 below;

3. Urgently reiterates its request to the Secretary-General in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 48/226 to submit to the Assembly, not later than 26 April 1994, a report containing clearly defined criteria which will ensure transparency in the use of the support account and the regular budget for the backstopping of peace-keeping operations.

1/ A/48/470 and A/C.5/48/69.

2/ A/48/757.

3/ A/C.5/48/69.